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SUBJECT: NEW INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR TO GREAT BRITAIN

1. THE NEWLY APPOINTED INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR TO GREAT BRITAIN, AIR CHIEF MARSHALL SALEH BASARAH, SERVED MOST RECENTLY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF P.T. NURTANIO, A GOI-OWNED AND SOLE AIRCRAFT ASSEMBLY PLANT IN INDONESIA.

2. PRIOR TO JUNE 1977, BASARAH WAS CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE INDONESIAN AIR FORCE FOR FOUR YEARS, AFTER SERVING AT LEAST THREE YEARS AS CHIEF OF DEPARTMENTAL STAFF IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND SECURITY. BASARAH HAS PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE REORGANIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDONESIAN AIR FORCE WHICH HAS BEEN PLAGUED WITH HEAVY DEMANDS IN THE LAST TEN YEARS, INCLUDING A REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL STRENGTH, THE REQUIREMENT TO UPGRADE MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY AND TO OBTAIN APPROPRIATE REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT.

3. BASARAH HAS BEEN A LONG-TIME FRIEND OF MANY AMERICANS SINCE HIS AIR TRAINING IN CALIFORNIA IN 1950, AND SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. AS WITH MOST INDONESIAN MILITARY, HE IS SUSPICIOUS OF THE CHINESE AND SOMEWHAT CRITICAL OF
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4. SALEH BASARAH WAS BORN ON AUGUST 14, 1928 AT TASIKMALAJA, WEST JAVA. A MOSLEM, HE IS MARRIED TO SARTINAH. THEY HAVE SEVEN DAUGHTERS AND ONE SON.
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